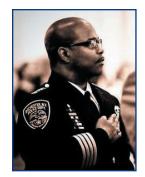
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF:



During the month of May, the law enforcement profession is recognized nationally for the honorable work that we do and for the ultimate sacrifices paid by our brother and sister officers.

Locally, there are many events which acknowledge the outstanding service provided not only by members of the Rochester Police Department, but by our local area law enforcement partners as well. The numerous award ceremonies and fundraising events for charitable police organizations and foundations is a testament to the cohesive bond that binds our collective law enforcement family.

I have always embraced the philosophy that, as police officers, we must first give of ourselves if we want others to give to us, and RPD employees have repeatedly demonstrated exceptional generosity, and have proven to be the most caring people I have ever known.

As we continue our various celebrations this month, I ask that you consider giving of yourselves, your time, and/or your contributions. I ask that you continue to support our law enforcement family, and those who are committed to keeping the memories of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice alive.

Take care of yourselves, each other, and stay safe.

-Chief James Sheppard



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RPD HOLDS FIRST EVER PAL BOOK DRIVE



On April 25, the Rochester Police Department's Police Activities League (PAL) held its first ever PAL book drive. Citizens were invited to meet some of RPD's finest and bring a book for youngsters to explore and enjoy. Rochester police officers and volunteers with PAL were at the drop sites accepting new and gently used books throughout the day. The book drop off sites were at the West Ridge Plaza and World Gym on East Ave.

Due to the overwhelming response from the Rochester community, over 7000 books were collected. Because of this unexpected surplus of books, PAL has selected

not two, but six City elementary schools to act as beneficiaries of the book drive: Henry Lomb School #20, George Mather Forbes School #4, Dag Hammarskjold School #6, John Walton Spencer School #16, Lincoln School #22, and Adlai E. Stevenson School #29. Volunteer officers from the PAL program will be personally delivering the books to the schools and reading some of the newly donated books to classrooms of students at each of the schools.

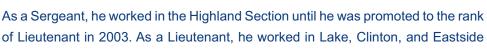


PAL is an organization that was reactivated by Rochester Police Chief James Sheppard and is made up of predominately Rochester police officers who volunteer their off duty

time to work with youth in the City of Rochester. The goal with all PAL events is to find unique ways to engage with kids and to bridge the gap between police and youth, letting them know that the members of the Rochester Police Department care. Events like the PAL book drive echo The Rochester Police Department's Policing In the Spirit of Service philosophy.

PROMOTION OF CAPTAIN JOHN CORBELLI

Captain John Corbelli started with RPD in 1986, after having worked for the Monroe County Sheriff's Office since 1980. He worked in the Tactical Section until 1989 and then the Genesee Section for two years. He served as Recruit Class Counselor until he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.





Division, and served as Aide to several Commanders and former Chief Moore. His final assignment as Lieutenant was as the Commanding Officer of the Professional Standards Section.

On April 20th, 2012, John was promoted to the rank of Captain and he currently serves as the Staff Duty Officer. Congratulations Captain Corbelli!

OFFICER TONY DIPONZIO GUEST SPEAKER AT REGIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION EVENT

RPD Officer Tony DiPonzio was invited to speak at Southern Tier Law Enforcement Memorial Association's 30th Annual Police Memorial Breakfast on May 1st, in Owego, New York.

On January 31, 2009, Officer DiPonzio, while investigating drug activity in Rochester, was ambushed and shot in the back of the head as he was returning to his patrol vehicle. He returned to duty on November 7, 2011.

A HORSE'S FRIEND

Roughly six years ago, Matthew Doward, "A Horse's Friend" founder, approached RPD officer Dave Klein and the Mounted Unit to get a better understanding of what the relationship between them and the community was. Believing that most people are fascinated with horses, Matthew wanted to share his love for horses with a city population that might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience these magnificent animals.



Dave, Matthew, and six other volunteer RPD officers including Dan Urbanczyk, Scott Wehr, Graham Hyland, Eric Smith, Brandon Bodekor, and Andy Johnson, are currently educating kids from the Wilson Commencement School on horsemanship skills. The

program runs Saturdays from 9-1 for 6 weeks. To date, the students seem to be accomplishing some of the life skill goals of responsibility, respect and teamwork which are an essential part of horsemanship with "A Horse's Friend".

"A Horse's Friend" has a goal of running a twelve week program which would cost a total of \$8,000 and is currently in week five of a six week session that costs \$4,000. Both programs are in need of funding. To learn more about "A Horses Friend", visit their website at: http://ahorsesfriend.org/

BRIAN SHULTZ CHARITY ICE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Rochester Police Officers Participated in the Brian Shultz Charity Ice Hockey Tournament. This year the charity proceeds benefited Rochester Fire Fighter Joe Luna and his family. Joe's daughter-Emily, requires a bone marrow transplant.

Lieutenant Joe Luna expressed his gratitude to the Rochester Police Ice Hockey teams. The entire family was deeply



moved at the show of generosity and was very moved by the gesture from the Rochester Police Department as a whole. The Rochester Police Locust Club Hockey Team did win the Tournament in a nail biting 4 -3 victory over the Rochester City School Teachers team. It was a great battle that came down to the last few minutes of the game.

This year the tournament raised over \$600.00 dollars for Firefighter Joe Luna's daughter Emily. Thank you to all those who supported the cause with your generous donations.

RPD PRESENTS FIRST EVER MEDIA RECOGNITION AWARD

In last month's issue, we let you know that WROC TV-News 8 won a New York State Emmy for the documentary, "In the Line of Fire", featuring Officer Luca Martini and Sgt. Dan Brochu. Channel 8 has won another award for the same documentary, the 2012 Regional *Edward R. Murrow Award*.

The Radio Television Digital News Association has been honoring outstanding achievements in electronic journalism with the Edward R. Murrow Awards since 1971. Murrow's pursuit of excellence in journalism embodies the spirit of the awards that carry his name. Murrow Award recipients demonstrate the spirit of excellence that Edward R. Murrow made a standard for the broadcast news profession.

We are pleased to announce that WROC TV- News 8 has also been selected to be the recipient of the first ever RPD Media Recognition Award. They are being honored by RPD for the excellent documentary and the professionalism that was shown to our officers while filming this project.

The award will be presented to VP and General Manager, Louis A. Gattozzi at the 31st RPD Annual Awards Dinner on May 7th. Thank you, and congratulations Channel 8!

ROCHESTER POLICE FOUNDATION IS ESTABLISHED

The Rochester Police Department (RPD) is committed to ensuring public safety and quality of life in the City of Rochester. Every day and night, RPD's dedicated officers and civilians strive to provide Policing with a Spirit of Service to all members of the community.

The Rochester Police Foundation, founded in 2012, is an independent, non¬profit, charitable organization dedicated to fostering public safety, excellence in law enforcement, and a positive relationship between RPD and the community it serves. In partnership with RPD, the foundation works with a range of business and civic leaders, and community safety advocates, to develop and implement public safety initiatives, community and youth outreach programs, and crime prevention programs.

While the City budget provides the necessary and basic resources to fund police operations, RPD struggles to keep pace with new technologies and innovative programs and strategies. Moreover, scarce budget resources limit the opportunity for RPD to pursue outreach programs within the community, especially with our most valuable resource: our youth.

The foundation is a means to meet this challenge by providing resources that are not readily available by other means. It provides the opportunity for tax-exempt gifts and grants from individuals, businesses and philanthropic

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ROCHESTER POLICE FOUNDATION IS ESTABLISHED (CONT'D.)

organizations. The Rochester Police Foundation is the only organization authorized to solicit and collect funds on behalf of RPD. Contributions to the Rochester Police Foundation are tax-deductible under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Rochester Police Foundation works closely with the Chief of Police to develop and implement a strategic program to support several initiatives, including:

- Providing assistance to the families of fallen officers
- Obtaining state-of-the-art technologies, equipment, and training to support and enhance RPD operations
- Implementing youth and community outreach programs
- Pursuing projects and research studies to guide improvements in RPD's delivery of police services

Public safety and quality of life in the City of Rochester is a shared government-community responsibility. The Rochester Police Foundation enables everyone to join in partnership with RPD to make the City of Rochester a better place to live, work, and visit.

CHINESE DELEGATION VISITS THE RPD

In 2007, City Council approved a sister cities relationship with Xianyang, (pronounced "Shen-yang") Shaanxi Province, China, culminating many years of efforts to obtain a Chinese sister city. Xianyang is a former imperial capital of China, lying next door to a successor capital, Xian, home of the famed Terracotta warriors found in imperial graves.

On Tuesday, April 10th, The Deputy Mayor of Xianyang, Zhao Runmin visited Rochester and met with City officials including a brief visit with Chief Sheppard where they discussed differences and commonalities between the two cities including law enforcement.



Accompanying the Deputy Mayor were Mr. He Jianjun, County Supervisor of Jingyang County, Xianyang City; Mr. Han Weiyun, Chief of Public Security Bureau of Xianyang City; Mr. Ma Jianwei, Director of Human Resources and Social Security Bureau of Xianyang City; Mr. Sun Renhou, Deputy Director of Financial Bureau of Xianyang City; and Ms. Li Suying, Deputy Director of Foreign Affairs and Reception Office, Xianyang Municipal People's Government.

WE PRODUCE LEADERS

Over the years, the Rochester Police Department has developed a national reputation for excellence, due in large part to the tremendous talent, commitment and innovative thinking exhibited by those who have worn the uniform of the Rochester Police Department. The "We Produce Leaders" series highlights RPD alumni who have gone on from the Department to continue serving the community in a variety of leadership roles. We hope these articles inspire current RPD members and demonstrate the many ways that the skills and professionalism gained as a RPD officer benefit the community for a lifetime.

CAPTAIN BRUCE PHILPOTT (RETIRED)



Bruce retired as a Captain from the RPD in October 2002 after 23 years of service. During his career in RPD, Bruce worked in various positions including: Backgrounds and Recruitment Investigations, as a Field Training and Crime Prevention Officer, Investigator (Highland Section), Sergeant (Highland), Lieutenant (Highland), Special Investigations Section, Captain (Staff Duty Officer), Captain of the Research and Evaluation Section, and as Captain of Highland Section. Bruce is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

DESCRIBE A HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR CAREER IN RPD AND HOW THAT SHAPED YOUR FUTURE:

Bruce recounted that as a lieutenant, he was assigned to the Special Investigations Section (SIS) in 1990. He said that SIS went through a difficult rebuilding process to increase supervision, improve accountability, and re-establish trust. Bruce continued, "We all experienced a significant learning curve and implemented system improvements for evidence fund cash handling and informant management. These measures were developed as internal controls to protect the integrity of the RPD and the officers assigned to SIS. I worked with a group of outstanding cops who performed the dangerous and dirty job of narcotics enforcement, from street buys to wiretap conspiracy cases. This assignment provided my first opportunity to work with various other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. The experience reinforced a valuable lesson as described in the words of President Ronald Reagan: 'Trust but verify...'"

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE YOUR RETIREMENT:

Since his retirement from the RPD in 2002, he has been the Director of Transit Operations with the Regional Transit Service (RTS), and is responsible for 340 bus operators and 27 first line supervisors and managers. "We have tried to adapt many of the organizational concepts and leadership values learned from a career with the RPD for use with RTS. We continue to maintain relationships with the RPD and other agencies to work on various goals of mutual interest to the community. From a business perspective, RTS is a public sector organization that we try to run with a private sector mind set.

ADVICE THAT YOU WOULD GIVE TO THE OFFICERS CURRENTLY ON THE JOB:

"Appreciate that you have one of the best jobs you could ever dream of, and one of the most challenging. Despite the perception that some in the community may dislike you, recognize that the majority of the community respect and depend on you. But you need to earn that respect every day on the job. Learn as much as you can from citizens you interact with about them and your assigned neighborhood. Be fair but be firm. Take advantage of any opportunities the department offers including specialized training, education, or new assignments. Respect your role as the face of local government to the citizens who depend on you. Take care of yourself and your brother and sister officers."

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Pictured from left: Officer Jason Blanchard, Officer Laurie Robinson, Lieutenant David Gebhardt, Officer Sam Choates, Officer Kelly O'Hara

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